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## 300 attend Lodge Lightning fire briefing in Laytonville

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More than 300 people attended а CalFire community meeting Monday in Laytonville's Harwood Hall, organized to answer questions about the 4,000-acre Lodge Lightning Complex fire in northern Mendocino County. The fire, which started July 30, remains only 20 percent contained.

A second meeting was scheduled Wednesday at press time.

Monday's meeting presentations included from CalFire Operations

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Water snitches caught by police

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Community members spotted two water trucks



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## **Makin' Bacon**

Redwood Empire Fair raises \$623,941.50 at Saturday's Auction See coverage of fair events inside today's edition!

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# **Fighting the Blaze**



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The air is thick with smoke in the Laytonville and Leggett areas from a lightning fire that has burned about 4,300 acres.

At least 1,570 firefighters and related personnel are in the area. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection says, as of Wednesday at 7 pm, the fire is about 20 percent contained.

Base camp for firefighting operations is just north of Laytonville. Tents, portable toilets, fuel trucks, heavy equipment and fire trucks fill the field across Highway

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**Brooktrails** blasts Willits on water treatment plant policy

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Brooktrails' board of directors has authorized General Manager Denise Rose to send a letter to Willits City Manager Adrienne Moore notifying the city it is in breach of its contract with Brooktrails to adequately and safely treat Brooktrails' waste water.

working on the Lodge Fire last weekend snitching water from a Main Street fire hydrant.

"We saw it two times over the weekend," Little Lake Fire Chief Carl Magann said. "They have to have permission to use water from hydrants."

Willits The Police Department says it is

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## Willits already complying with new state water use regs

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The City of Willits seems to be on the same page as the state water board, which recently passed statewide emergency water regulations.

California's State Water Resources Control Board handed down a resolution asking water providers for mandatory conservation policies and to pursue more water supplies.

If you hose down your driveway or do something else to squander water, the state says you could be looking at a \$500 fine per day.

Read the rest of Water regs Over on Page 4



Caspian, Rhyan and Aidan. Below right: The kids with Genevieve, Jeremy, Aarne, Lara and Chad in Kinetic "Kostumes."

Photos by Maureen Moore

Children are welcome at this weekend's Kinetic Carnivale in Willits, with more activities than ever designed to enchant and delight young festival-goers. Admission to the Carnivale is free for kids age 12 and under

"We started from scratch," said this year's Whimsy Circus coordinator Neeka Aguirre, about the Carnivale's exciting new lineup of hands-on games, steampunk crafts, and circus, circus, circus. Cirque Connectique will offer hands-on learning opportunities - a balance beam, hula hoops, juggling - to try out circus skills and experience what it's like to be a performer. Aerial hijinks Read the rest of

Kinetic

by Circus Mecca on

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Brooktrails claims that since 2012 Willits illegally discharged has approximately 70 million

#### Read the rest of Treatment

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## Sherwood **Road project**

comment period ends Friday

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30 concerned Some and property citizens owners attended a July 30 Caltrans public workshop at the Willits Community Center, part of the public comment period for the Sherwood Road project's draft environmental impact report.

Several Caltrans officials information provided and answered questions concerning the project. The public comment period officially closes Friday, August 8.

As currently

Read the rest of Sherwood Over on Page 4

# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

	Editorial advice	One of the many conversation topics at
Topics to Talk	To the Editor:	the meetings was how to problem-solve and successfully implement girls and
About!	Write shorter letters.	boys junior varsity programs at the league
	Richard Jeske, Willits	schools. At that point, only one or two teams had committed to having a junior
Here are just a few brainstormed topics aimed to help inspire you to send in a	,	varsity program. These junior varsity programs are very important as the feeder
letter to the editor:	Watch for water theft	programs to any varsity team.
Main Street, post-bypass: what do you envision?	To the Editor:	At that point in March, after much discussion with other member teams,
Extended pool hours: would you swim on summer evenings?	With the active Lodge Lightning Complex Fire in the Laytonville area and the	it was decided to have modified junior varsity teams. These teams would compete with other junior varsity teams
What would be a great new business to have in Willits?	ensuing massive firefighting response, the Willits Police Department responded to two reports over the weekend of water	with enough players to form a JV squad as part of their respected teams.
How could we increase tourism in town?	being taken from fire hydrants within city limits by water haulers.	As time went by, it was brought to our attention that some of the teams that
In addition to fairs and festivals already planned, what new events would you like to attend?	In both cases, the water operators falsely claimed to be authorized to haul water for the Lightening Complex Fire; however,	WHS has competed with in the past in the Central Mountain Conference had hired junior varsity coaches. After
How could merchants get more customers to shop locally?	there is no standing right for any water truck to ever fill from any hydrant system	further research, and speaking with our coaches, and in the best interest of the student athletes, with great Wolverine
What are the five things you like most about Willits, and what five need improvement?	unless there is an agreement with the water supplier.	pride, Willits High School will have official Junior Varsity teams. Currently, we are
What could we provide or create as a positive, motivating opportunity to the youth in the community?	One of the water operators reported by a witness was not located; the second operator was given a verbal warning and required to return the water to our plant.	working towards creating competitive schedules for both of our junior varsity sports programs. At no time was the junior varsity team officially cut.
See our "The Rules: LETTERS" box below for info on how to send in your letter to the editor.	Fire officials were promptly notified and have removed the operator(s) from the response team.	If you have any questions regarding the sports programs at Willits High School, please contact me at 459-7700.
	Further, fire officials have reported that some rather unscrupulous operators of water trucks are dummying up paperwork and painting numbers on their cabs to	Jeffrey A. Ritchley, principal, Willits High School
	look like a hired resource, in order to fill their trucks up without gathering much attention.	Vote Woodhouse
	As well, water trucks that are "off the	To the Editor:
Willits Weekly	incident" (i.e., rest period) have been seen pulling water from the established water sources for incidents and are then selling the water for cash.	I support Tom Woodhouse for 3rd District supervisor. Tom and his wife, Carlyn, have been residents of our area for many years, raising a family, developing and
	The City of Willits would again like to thank our community for being diligently watchful for water theft. Any suspicious activity should promptly be reported to the	opening a business, and paying close attention to local government. These are each very important elements in entering local politics.
W	Willits Police Department by calling 459- 6122.	I feel that Tom will well-represent the entire 3rd District while keeping jobs, road
Werthin	Adrienne Moore, city manager, City of Willits	infrastructure, and public safety as top priorities. He will face additional challenges such as representing a diverse population and keeping the county reserves at an
	JV Soccer a go	acceptable level on stagnant revenue, but I believe that Tom is up to the task. Please give him your vote.
	To the Editor: On behalf of the Willits High School	John Pinches, Third District
FIND A WILLITS	athletic department, I would like to clarify	supervisor, Laytonville

ics at to jump in at this time to keep the Novo operating nonstop, showing first-run solve feature films for our hometown of Willits and and the surrounding area. ague

> two Join us in documenting the life of this grand unior old building. We have heard wonderful arsity stories from patrons and employees and eder former owners which we would like to document and share in a short film. We are going to present this short film in the much spirit of the theater's grand opening in ams. 1940. That will include the first movie that unior was shown at the Novo. "Dark Command" vould and news clips, costumes, and all the eams popcorn that you can eat. squad

What is your fondest memory of the Noyo? Did you see your first movie there? o our Was it your first job? Do you remember that the film breaking? The leaky roof? The past renovations? The live entertainment? ence

After We would like to hear from you. Do you h our have pictures that we can use? Would you of the like to be interviewed for our film? Call us erine at 707-354-3295. If you prefer, write down fficial your fondest memories and send them are to us at movies@noyotheatre.com. Your titive contribution will make this a memorable arsity event.

Jeff and Lois Hoover, Willits

g the chool, Thank you

#### To the Editor: ipal,

I would like to take this opportunity to hool publicly thank Chief Gerry Gonzalez and the Willits School District's Laura Sleeper for taking time to make Nuestra Alianza de Willits' summer program, Plan Vacacional, a reality.

Without their generous assistance of time istrict arlyn, and advice, the Nuestra Alianza staff nanv would not have been able to provide the and community with this service. Many, many close people worked very hard on the program; however, their work would have been for e are ering naught if it hadn't been for the last-minute advice and assistance of Chief Gonzales and Ms. Sleeper

the road Plan Vacacional celebrated its 10th anniversary this summer. It is a months top nges long school event open to children 5-12 years of age wherein they learn the ation history, music, dance, art, cooking, and at an sports of Mexico. In addition, there are e, but academic components of English and ease math. It is all delivered in Spanish by local teachers, as well as teachers who come trict from Mexico especially for the program.

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## **One Amazing Auction** \$623,941.50 raised at Redwood Empire Fair's Junior Livestock Auction

receiving high prices for their animals and buyers being generous with their purchases. Average prices per pound pound. were a staggering \$7.32 for steers, \$15.54 for lambs, \$8.53 for hogs and \$16.23 for goats. Lot prices for rabbit and poultry pens were also impressive with the average purchase price being \$800 for poultry meat pens and \$625 for rabbit meat pens.

Auctioneers and arena men helped the auction flow: veteran callers Rex Williams and Drew McElfresh were aided by arena men Lee Persico, Chuck Persico, Mike Lucchetti, Sid Cuthbert, Art Cooley, Brain Beeson, Mike Griggs, Tylor Yadon and Mark Silva. Announcers were Mike Delbar and Sheriff Tom Allman.

North County kids made an excellent showing with more than 100 entries in this year's auction. Individual results from Willits, Laytonville and Covelo exhibitors follow, in order of lot number:

Long Valley 4-H's Madison Forrester of Willits sold her 101-pound grand champion market goat to Mendocino Roofing, Inc. for \$35 per pound; Willits FFA's Ryann Hee of Willits sold her grand champion rabbit meat pen to Ukiah Taco Bell for \$1,000; Willits FFA's Kaylee Novo of Willits sold her grand champion poultry meat pen to Ukiah Taco Bell for \$1,600; Long Valley 4-H's Emma Braught of Laytonville sold her 98-pound reserve grand champion market goat to American Ag Credit for \$26 per pound; and Willits FFA's Hannah DeShiell of Willits sold her reserve grand champion rabbit meat pen to Ukiah Taco Bell for \$525

Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H's Stephany Brundage of Willits sold her 4-H champion rabbit meat pen to Ukiah Taco Bell for \$550; Willits FFA's Sergio Jacinto of Willits sold his FFA reserve champion poultry meat pen to Thurston Auto Plaza for \$600; Willits FFA's Thomas Thurman of Willits sold his FFA reserve champion 236-pound market hog to Sparetime Supply for \$7 per pound; Willits 4-H's Keely Ahders sold her 4-H reserve champion rabbit meat pen to Ukiah Taco Bell for \$500; Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H's Natalie Horrocks of Willits sold her 4-H reserve champion poultry meat pen to Rainbow Ag Services for \$525; and



It was a phenomenal auction Saturday, with kids Willits 4-H's David Mann of Willits sold his 65-pound market goat to Geiger's Long Valley Market for \$9.25 per

> Round Valley 4-H's Justin Nelson of Covelo sold his 252-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribes for \$10 per pound; Willits 4-H's Jacobi Smith of Willits sold his 269-pound market hog to Kansas Asphalt, Inc. for \$8 per pound; Willits 4-H's Keegan Reed sold his 269-pound market hog to Les Schwab Tire Center of Willits for \$7 per pound; Willits 4-H's Morgan Riley of Willits sold her 72-pound market goat to Geiger's Long Valley Market for \$11 per pound; Covelo FFA's Jesse Davidson of Covelo sold his 1,151-pound market steer to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$6.25 per pound; and Willits 4-H's James Brown of Willits sold his 238-pound market hog to John Gramke for \$6.50 per pound.

> Willits 4-H's Jacob Arms of Willits sold his 264-pound market hog to Mendocino Forest Products for \$5.25 per pound; Willits 4-H's Kyleena Amador of Willits sold her 227-pound market hog to Sparetime Supply for \$7 per pound; Willits 4-H's Claire Moyle of Willits sold her 145-pound market lamb to Sparetime Supply for \$14.50 per pound; Willits 4-H's Justin Amador of Willits sold his 245-pound market hog to Sparetime Supply for \$7 per pound; Willits 4-H's Ethan Ferguson of Willits sold his 253-pound market hog to 101 Trailer & RV for \$6 per pound; and Round Valley 4-H's Bryce Jamison of Covelo sold his 256-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$10.50 per pound.

> Round Valley 4-H's Kirsten Britton of Covelo sold her 263-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$11 per pound; Willits 4-H's Thais Reed of Willits sold her 145-pound market lamb to Factory Pipe for \$13 per pound; Willits 4-H's Darrell Buzzard of Willits sold his 280-pound market hog to Shuster's Transportation for \$6.50 per pound; Long Valley 4-H's Mason Kelly of Willits sold her 94-pound market goat to Savings Bank of Mendocino County for \$10 per pound; Covelo FFA's Bailey Bienvenu sold her 280-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$12 per pound; Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H's Colton Pinson of Willits sold his 1,082-pound market steer to Les Schwab Tire Center



Top row from left: Willits 4-H's Claire Moyle shows off her market lamb to prospective buyers. Sparetime Supply's Mike Griggs, Sr. is always a great supporter of the auction, and poses here with fellow bidder, Willits City Mayor Holly Madrigal. Willits 4-H's Hailey Riley sets up her market goat in the show ring. Above: Willits FFA's Kaylee Novo, who won Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pen, poses with one of her rabbits.

Photos by Maureen Moore

per pound; Covelo FFA's Chela Celeri of Covelo sold her 238-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$9.50 per pound; Covelo FFA's Elvira Luna of Covelo sold her 77-pound market goat to Uptown Mercantile for \$13 per pound; Willits 4-H's Jessica Buzzard of Willits sold her 241-pound market hog to Vogel's RV for \$6.75 per pound; Willits 4-H's Cheyenne Verdot of Willits sold her 243-pound market hog to Sparetime Supply for \$6 per pound; Willits 4-H's Benjamin Branscomb of Willits sold his 246-pound market hog to Willits Redwood Company for \$8.50 per pound; Willits FFA's Kylie Reed of Willits sold her 248-pound market hog to Nor-Cal Recycled Rock & Aggregates for \$8 per pound; Willits 4-H's Marcus Burke sold his 255-pound market hog to Vic Weaver for \$7 per pound; and Long Valley 4-H's Hannah Whitely of Laytonville sold her 259-pound market hog to Gravier's Chevron for \$8 per pound.

Willits 4-H's Bernardo Lopez of Willits sold his 264-pound market hog to Nor-Cal Recycled Rock &

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comments made in a recent letter to the editor concerning the junior varsity soccer teams, and the hiring process of the head Novo Theatre anniversary coach. Due to confidentiality reasons, we cannot comment on the hiring process of To the Editor: any head coach at WHS. However, we The Novo Theatre is coming up to its' 75th are able to dispel the rumors that are birthday in May. We bought the theater circulating about the girls and boys JV in 2012 at a critical juncture in the film sports season business which required Back in November 2013 and March 2014, small town movie houses to the Central Mountain Conference athletic either digitize or close down. directors met at their quarterly meetings. It has been a privilege for us

Education, this summer Nuestra Alianza was able to enroll 88 children. Besides being magnificently fun, the program manages to endow the participants with high self-esteem that carries over, enabling the children to achieve higher grades the following school year and to prevent interest in gangs, drugs and alcohol. Another outcome is that

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Read the rest of Over on Page 6 Auction Win a New 2014 Jeep Wrangler **D**rawing: **S**aturday September 27. 2014 100 points = 1 drawing ticket fromJuly 1 to September 27, 2014. Must purchase tickets with points. Drawing will be on Saturday, September 27, 2014. Nallei **100 Kawi Place** in Willits 459-7330 Management reserves all rights 

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proposed, the Sherwood Road project would realign the intersection of the primary Brooktrails access road with Highway 101. The "purpose and need" of the project is described in the draft EIR as improving "the existing non-standard intersection."

"Left-turn queues from northbound U.S. 101 on to Sherwood Road and peak hour queues along the uphill gradient are long," the document notes, "since this is the only access into the Brooktrails subdivision and ... Willits Municipal Airport.'

Traffic numbers for peak hours are based on a 2013 report.

The project design seeks to address these issues by creating a more perpendicular turning angle, adding 4-foot shoulders to the road, reducing the grade from 12 percent to 10 percent, and extending the length of the right- and left-hand downhill turning lanes about 185 feet.

The road improvements have a current estimated cost of \$2.370.000

Additionally, the project entails construction of a retaining wall, bringing the signaled crosswalk into ADA compliance, and requires a purchase of .55 acres for right of way.

The project's total estimated cost is between \$5 and \$6 million.

Caltrans agreed to study the feasibility of the improvements as part of the January 25, 2012, relinguishment agreement with the City of Willits. The Sherwood Road intersection project is considered a "child project" of the Willits bypass, which means it is considered "necessary due to the main project" and its "programmed" funding and construction timeline are linked to bypass completion.

The final environmental report is expected to be completed in September, with construction currently planned for fall 2016 through winter 2018, after the bypass is finished.

The official target completion date of November 2016 for the bypass has not been updated since before construction started

Phil Dow of the Mendocino Council of Governments confirmed MCOG is responsible for a 15 percent "local match" share of the Sherwood Road project's funding, just like with the bypass. The cost would be between \$750,000 and \$900,000, and has already been programmed by MCOG.

Retaining wall construction will require the removal of about 50 feet of the hillside, though the method and timing of that removal has yet to be determined. "A large amount of established trees and vegetation will be removed," to construct the new roadway alignment, which is designated a "less-than-significant impact" in the report.

The wall will be made of shotcrete and "colored to match the earth tones of the surrounding environment." with an estimated total cost \$1,163,000.

The project's proximity to Mill Creek (also known as Willits Creek. the report states) means "there is potential for temporary water quality impacts to occur" during construction due to tree removal and other sources of debris.

The plan outlines best management practices required by Caltrans, including plant restoration,

From Page 1 Briefing

has assumed management of the suppression effort.

northward toward Highway 101.

he told the crowd.

other parts of the state

heavily timbered fire area.

equipment, or on foot.

said.

"threatened."

drainage basin

conditions.

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containment line north of the fire

The Lodge Lightning Complex fire was sparked by lightning

early morning on July 30. Presenters at Monday's meeting

described the fire as located northwest of Laytonville. two

and a half miles from Highway 101 south of Leggett (near the

Hermitage and Tan Oak Park) and six to seven miles from the

south side of Cahto Peak. At press time, the fire has expanded

suppression efforts include the Laytonville Fire Department,

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. California National

Guard, Bureau of Land Management, California Department

Corps, and California Office of Emergency Services.

to declare a state of emergency Saturday night.

of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Conservation

Multiple larger fires are currently burning in Northern

CalFire's Mark Brown assessed the Mendocino Unit's

current capacity at the Monday meeting, detailing mutual aid

"It's guite a burden with the number of other fires burning."

Some of the county's equipment is presently on loan to

Brown said firefighting efforts were being hampered by dry

conditions, steep grades, and the overall inaccessibility of the

"People that have worked in the area for many years

always hoped there wasn't a fire in that area." said Brown.

The challenging landscape creates conditions unsafe

for firefighters to approach by vehicle, either with heavy

"It's not safe to fight fire if you can't walk on that turf," he

The fire is primarily being fought by creating containment

Brown says key spots have been identified where it is safe

CalFire's Wednesday update listed 43 structures as being

Spot fires spread to the east side of the South Fork of the

Crews are close to completing a wide secondary

Airborne embers are currently moving at distances of 100

Although the fire is not expanding at a "critical" speed for the

time being, Fire Behavior Specialist John Heggie emphasized

Monday that the Lodge Complex could become as big as

some other Northern California fires currently burning.

Snitches

to 200 feet, but that range could increase with changes in

Eel River, although crews are working to contain the fire to that

to construct lines in the fire's predicted range, and crews are

lines on ridges, and the terrain is expected to become more

difficult as the fire moves north and east.

building "a catcher's mitt for the fire to come into."

assistance being provided by other agencies and areas.

California, stretching resources and causing Gov. Jerry Brown

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Brown, Mark to "a sponge that hasn't been wet for two years," Heggie County Sheriff explained that, so far, the fire growth has been limited to the Tom Allman, timber understory and has not expanded to crown runs. But Water District Manager Jim Shields, National Weather Service "we've been very lucky so far," he added. "The potential is meteorologist Richard Thompson, BLM Fire Management there.' Officer Tim Jones, and representatives from other cooperating agencies, led by CalFire's Incident Command Team 4, which

Chief

Section

Water is being drawn from pools and ponds in several locations east of the Eel River, but due to increasing demands on the Laytonville Water District system, the district has temporarily suspended all water sales to private bulk haulers. The Water District's Jim Shields said that decision was made late Sunday because the consumption by both CalFire and private haulers has "exceeded the capabilities of our plant to keep an adequate supply in the tanks."

Comparing the drought conditions of the fuel in the area

Although the system has a million gallon-plus capacity, if the The fire is primarily on public lands, including the Bureau level in the tanks becomes too low, the system's infrastructure of Land Management's Elkhorn Wilderness Area and the is threatened. Shields said all surplus water was going to Angelo Coast Range Reserve, managed by the University of emergency efforts and that the suspension would continue California, Berkeley. Agencies cooperating with CalFire on fire until conditions become "more normal" for the district.

> As 90 percent of the fire is being fought on public lands, strategies are being coordinated with resource managers to protect environmental and cultural resources threatened by the fire

> The Angelo Coast Range Reserve protects the state's largest remaining old-growth Douglas fir forest, habitat to myriad species.

> "We don't have a lot of options," said BLM Fire Management Officer Tim Jones, referring to the use of bulldozers and the locations of the suppression efforts' impact. However, the agency has wildlife biologists and other resource specialists on the ground monitoring water quality, fish habitat, and attempting to minimize long-term effects created by the firefighting efforts.

> Weather conditions, said National Weather Service meteorologist Rich Thompson Monday, are expected to return to more seasonal hot and drv weather for the weekend. Thompson said potential thunderstorms in the greater region would have little impact on the fire.

> Many in the crowd asked if they should be concerned about evacuating, and asked how they could help with the suppression efforts. Harwood Hall, the meeting location, is the designated local evacuation center and equipped for 75 adults.

Both Sheriff Allman and Chief Brown reiterated that if current conditions continue there should be adequate time for notification of any proposed evacuations. There is no current threat to Laytonville. However, CalFire's Steve Kaufmann told Willits Weekly the fire was expected to expand towards Leggett and evacuations there could occur soon.

Raising the topic of local marijuana gardens, Allman told the crowd the sheriff's office would prioritize personal and livestock safety above all, noting "we are not going to protect what's burning, but we won't go after people growing in a fire. We won't care if you have 25 or 26."

"This is where a small town comes together," Allman added, telling residents to stay informed by listening to local news radio including KOZT, KZYX, KMUD, KWNE and KNYO, and checking the internet for current updates. He requested fire area residents to check on any elderly or isolated residents they may know in the Wilderness Lodge area or others near the fire perimeter.

Allman also emphasized the importance of making an evacuation plan for livestock, and said the sheriff's office would assist in identifying locations to evacuate livestock to, including the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah, which is keeping livestock stalls standing and available for potential evacuations.







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champion market animals, from left: Willits FFA's Ryann Hee in rabbits, Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H's Casey Looney in beef, Potter Valley 4-H's Chesney Johnson in sheep, Ukiah Shamrock 4-H's Tea Greene in hogs, Long Valley 4-H's Caitlyn Forrester in goats, and Willits FFA's Kaylee Novo in poultry. Below: All the Showmanship winners and all competitors in Round Robin.



## Fair youth receive awards for livestock and building entries

Sunday morning, after the Redwood Empire Fair's livestock auction concludes and animals are loaded on the trucks, youth exhibitors, their leaders, friends and family gather at the Willow Tree Stage for the fair's Awards Ceremony. During the ceremony, FFA and 4-H exhibitors are recognized for their achievements in market and breeding classes, their arts and crafts projects displayed in the Junior Building, and the results of the highly anticipated Round Robin showmanship contest.

During Round Robin, winners of the advanced showmanship classes in each species compete together, all getting a chance to show the other animals in their group; large animal (beef, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, sheep, swine, horse) or small animal (cavy, dog, pygmy goat, poultry, rabbit). There are FFA and 4-H divisions for both large animal and small animal, which leaves four kids being named first-place winners at the end of the ceremony. These kids receive an embroidered jacket along with their ribbons

4-H small animal showmanship results: first place: Wyatt Gaskall of Kelseyville; second place: Colton Pinson or Redwood Valley/Calpella; third place: Katie Penry of Potter Valley; fourth place: Emma Farrell of Kelseyville; and fifth place: Haley Whitcomb of Long Valley.

place: Nicholas Novo of Willits.

exhibitor names inscribed on a perpetual wooden trophy, and reserve winners receive a metal plaque. Winners for 2014 include: R. Hildebrand Memorial Perpetual Trophy: Casey Looney of Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H; reserve champion market steer: Julie Brown of Potter Valley 4-H. Grand champion market lamb and winner of the Windswept Ranch Trophy: Chesney Johnson of Potter Valley 4-H; reserve grand champion market lamb: Lucy Burris of Potter Valley



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of Ukiah; second place: Nova Medina of Willits; and third

FFA large animal results: first place: Rebecca Pierachini of Potter Valley; second place: Ashley Edwards of Covelo; third place Jacob Crowhurst of Ukiah; fourth place Noelia Davila of Covelo; fifth place: Cooper Johnson of Potter Valley; and sixth place: Gracie Tucker, an independent

Champion Market Animal winners get to have their Grand champion market steer and winner of the John

4-H. Grand champion market hog and winner of the Jane Amundson Perpetual Trophy: Tea Greene of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; reserve grand champion market hog: Garrett Dailey of Potter Valley 4-H. Grand champion market goat and winner of the North Coast Meat Goat Junior Show Perpetual Trophy: Madison Forrester of Long Valley 4-H; reserve grand champion market goat: Emma Braught of Long Valley 4-H. Grand champion poultry meat pen: Kaylee Novo of Willits FFA; reserve champion poultry meat pen: Grant Keffeler of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H. Grand champion rabbit meat pen: Ryann Hee of Willits FFA; reserve grand

erosion controls such as sandbag barriers, berms, and netting, and standards for water guality and storm water management.

Two residential properties and the adjacent gas station will be affected by right of way purchases, a process scheduled for this summer and estimated to cost \$308,040. In addition, "the .46-acre of upland oak woodlands affected" and the trees removed for the Sherwood project "will be compensated by the upland oak mitigation proposed for the Willits bypass."

Many of those in attendance were concerned about downhill speeds approaching the intersection. adequate safe passage for pedestrians - both crossing Highway 101 and on Sherwood Road and delays caused by dirt removal and construction overall. Lack of other access roads caused by emergencies or accidents during construction were also a concern.

Several residents requested rumble strips and/or guardrails to prevent speeding traffic from going off the hill, which occurs periodically, and other trafficslowing measures.

Other questions concerned the proximity of Willits High School and other ongoing traffic problems with the intersection.

Caltrans officials present explained there will be no detour as part of the construction, but the agency's traffic engineers have yet to prepare a traffic management plan that will ultimately designate one-way minimum wait times. They suggested all concerns be submitted in writing so they may be formally considered.

Comments may be made through Friday, August 8, and can be postmarked that day and still be considered in the process. Send mail to Kendall Schinke, Environmental Branch Chief; California Department of Transportation, Environmental Planning; 2379 Gateway Oaks Drive; Suite 150; Sacramento, CA 95833. Emails may be sent to kendall\_schinke@dot. ca.gov until midnight the same day.

Public comments submitted later will be read but not formally considered and responded to by the review process.

If the document is adopted, there will be no additional public comment period following the final report, so the public is urged to submit comments now.

The draft EIR report can be found online at www. dot.ca.gov/dist1/d1projects/willits/sherwood\_road\_ draft\_is\_6-14.pdf and at the Willits Library.

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submitting a case to the Mendocino County District Attorney's office against Shawn Johan Miller, 41, of Red Bluff, for filling up his truck Sunday.

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"We questioned the guy, and he admitted he was not supposed to be getting water," Willits Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez said.

Miller was forced to dump the water, Gonzalez added.

Gonzalez says his department appreciates the public reporting the violations. Officials have said the water system can be damaged or its safety compromised when water trucks tap into a fire hydrant. It takes specific types of wrenches to open up hydrants for water, for example. The first water truck driver that witnesses reported Saturday

was not cited and has not been cited as of midday Tuesday. Police pulled the driver over and talked with him near Reynolds Highway north of Willits.

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101 from CalFire's Laytonville station.

A few miles father north, at the site of the Kate Wolf Music Festival, a helicopter base has been established. CalFire says 15 helicopters are working the fire.

Drivers pull over occasionally to take in the action as helicopters come and go from the helicopter base and California National Guard fuel trucks make their way around the camp.

The Mendocino County Air Quality Management District Area residents are "already are saving and conserving reports most of Mendocino County is seeing particulate matter from the Lodge Lightning Complex fire.

Air Quality says here may be a moderate health concern for a small number of people unusually sensitive to air pollution

The fire is burning in heavy timber on steep, rugged terrain with limited access. Flames have spread east along the Eel River canyon within about one mile of Big Bend Lodge on Low Gap Creek.

Firefighting personnel and equipment are actively working to construct firelines across the blaze's northern boundary. In addition to the helicopters, CalFire reports 135 engines, 28 fire crews, 33 bulldozers, and 25 water tenders are working the fire. Estimated cost: \$5.4 million

Little Lake Fire Department and the Brooktrails Fire Department each have one firefighter on the Lodge Fire to help the Laytonville Fire Department staff the helicopter base.

Little Lake sent four firefighters and an Office of Emergency Services engine on the Beaver Fire in the Klamath National Forest. Brooktrails also sent a firefighter to the Beaver Fire, which was started July 30 by lightning. A community meeting was held at Harwood Hall in Laytonville earlier this week. Another meeting was set for Wednesday night.

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CalFire posts daily or twice-daily updates on the Lodge fire here: cdfdata.fire.ca.gov/incidents/incidents\_details\_ info?incident id=1015.

On Facebook, check the "Mendocino Sheriff" page, the "Angelo Coast Reserve" page, the "Big Bend Lodge" page, as well as Willits Weekly's Facebook page for ongoing updates.

The rest of From Page 1 Water Regs

Whoever has the authority could enforce the fine, Kathie Smith, a public information officer with the water board, said. "It would be local. They liken it to a traffic ticket ... like an infraction

The state resolution rules out water use that generates runoff, hoses without shutoff nozzles, driveway and sidewalk washing, and water fountains that do not recirculate water.

It also asks urban water suppliers to implement conservation at a level that triggers mandatory restrictions on outdoor water use.

The fine should not be much of a problem for Willits residents, who are already conserving water since earlier this year.

"I do not think we are going to have many problems with that," City Code Enforcement Officer John Sherman said. enough water. They are already aware of it."

Little Lake Fire Department Chief Carl Magann has been speaking up about the importance of saving water this year. "Let's make sure we are looking good in December," Magann said.

The city has been designing and building a backup water supply since this winter, when city reservoirs dipped to about 90 days of water.

Willits' emergency water supply project aims to connect two city-owned wells to a new water treatment plant.

Low reservoirs in the city's watershed made Bay Area network news coverage, and even state and national newspaper headlines this winter.

Disadvantaged communities, the water board's order reads, may require assistance in increasing water conservation and state agencies should look for ways to

The board resolution also urges that projects to increase non-potable water supplies, like recycled water, greywater and storm water collection, be accelerated.

The water board's regulations are good for 270 days.

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4-H large animal results: first place: Caitlyn Forrester of Willits; second place: Erin Evans of Anderson Marsh; third place: Julie Brown of Potter Valley; fourth place: Erica IIIg of Cole Creek; fifth place: Emma Braught of Long Valley; sixth place: Chancelyn Johnson of Potter Valley; and seventh place: Kolby Thornton of Redwood Valley/Calpella. FFA small animal results: first place: Kenzie Kornegay

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#### champion rabbit meat pen: Hanna DeShiell of Willits FFA.

Another award given at the ceremony is the Perpetual Sportsmanship Trophy. It is presented to an exhibitor who "cheerfully follows the rules of their respective organization." They are nominated because they are helpful to others, they share knowledge with new and younger members, and they exhibit a good attitude throughout the fair. Seven were nominated: Stephany Bundage of Willits 4-H, Rebecca Pierachini of Potter Valley FFA, Jordan Luna of Long Valley 4-H, Hailey Riley of Willits 4-H, Tate Campbell of Long Valley 4-H, Mason Kelly of Long Valley 4-H, and Kyle Rogers of Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H.

The winner of the Perpetual Sportsmanship Trophy was Jordan Luna of Long Valley 4-H. He persevered through a big tragedy: his hog died shortly after arriving at fair, leaving him unable to show and compete in the auction. Despite this setback, Luna decided to stay at the fair, help out in the hog ring, and uphold his "responsibilities to his fellow project members." He showed leadership and sportsmanship and was a great example to others.

Three members were also recipients of the Mendocino County Junior Livestock Award Committee (MCJLAC) and the Dr. Russell Preston 4-H Scholarship awards: Noelia Davila of Round Valley 4-H. Montana Edgar of Redwood Valley/ Calpella 4-H, and Chesney Johnson of Potter Valley

For all their hard work, support and dedication to their programs, two adults were named winners at the ceremony: the 4-H Leader of the Year was Kelly Iverson of Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H. and the FFA Advisor of the Year was Beth Swehla of Anderson Valley FFA.

#### Additional awards presented to the exhibitors follow:

#### Breeding animal classes:

Sheep: Reserve Champion Ewe: Sarah Viale of Navajo Churro Project; Champion Ewe: Hercules Almond of the Navajo Churro Project; and Special Award: Jessica Harris of the Navajo Churro Project. Champion Wether Sire: Andrew Burris of Ukiah FFA; Overall Champion Unregistered Ewe: Chancelyn Johnson of Potter Valley 4-H. Supreme Champion Ewe Galliani of Potter Valley 4-H.

Beef: Champion female: Julie Brown of Potter Valley 4-H; champion replacement heifer: lan Seymour of Willits 4-H. Dairy Cattle: champion female: Erin Evans of Anderson Marsh 4-H

Goats, breeding/meat: purebred champion: Emma Braught of Long Valley 4-H; reserve purebred champion: Madison Forrester of Long Valley 4-H. Percentage champion: Caitlyn Forrester of Willits 4-H; percentage reserve champion: Madison Forrester of Long Valley 4-H.

Poultry: grand champion bird of show: Carson Galletti of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; reserve grand champion bird of show: Ozlynn Nass of Willits 4-H.

Dairy goats: senior champion doe and grand champion doe: Sofia Evans of Anderson Marsh 4-H; junior champion doe: Erica Illg of Cole Creek 4-H.

Swine: champion registered gilt: Hannah Whitley of Long Valley 4-H; champion unregistered gilt: Kara Larkin of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H.

Pygmy goats: champion registered doe: Hailev Mosgrave of Long Valley 4-H; champion registered wether: William England of Willits 4-H; champion unregistered doe: Grant Forrester of Willits 4-H; and champion unregistered wether: Mariah Ochoa of Willits 4-H.



The rest of From Page 3 Auction

Aggregates for \$7 per pound; Long Valley 4-H's Haley Whitcomb of Laytonville sold her 1,164-pound market steer to Anderson Logging for \$6 per pound; Round Valley 4-H's Joshlyn Tuttle of Covelo sold her 267-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Housing Authority for \$11 per pound; Willits 4-H's Hailey Riley of Willits sold her 136-pound market lamb to Mendo Mill & Lumber Co. for \$15.50 per pound; Round Valley 4-H's Honey Bienvenu of Covelo sold her 269-pound market hog to Selzer Realty for \$12 per pound; Long Valley 4-H's Wade Sizemore of Laytonville sold his 1,219-pound market steer to Weathertop Nursery for \$7.25 per pound; Willits 4-H's Lilah Garman of Willits sold her 141-pound market lamb to Les Schwab Tire of Willits for \$20 per pound; and Round Valley 4-H's Jocey Thieman of Covelo sold her 1,250-pound market steer to Noyo Trawlers Assoc. for \$5.25 per pound.

Round Valley 4-H's Kenyon Duke of Covelo sold his 280-pound market hog to Keith's Family Foods for \$7 per pound; Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H's Megan Horrocks of Willits sold her 94-pound market goat to MRM Consulting and Randy Clark Memorial Perpetual Trophy: Monica for \$11.50 per pound; Willits 4-H's Samantha Arms of Willits sold her 145-pound market lamb to Rainbow Ag Services for \$12 per pound; Willits FFA's Elizabeth Rountree of Willits sold her 280-pound market hog to Round Tree Glass for \$7.25 per pound; Covelo FFA's Mathew Edwards of Covelo sold his 1,343-pound market steer to Daniel Steel & Machine for \$4.75 per pound; Willits 4-H's Lance Burgess of Willits sold his 145-pound market lamb to Les Schwab Tire of Willits for \$13 per pound; Round Valley 4-H's Levi Brown of Covelo sold his 280-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$11 per pound; Willits FFA's Haily Findley of Willits sold her FFA rabbit meat pen to Paul Riley Drywall for \$650; and Willits 4-H's Matthew Colvig of Willits sold his 220-pound market hog to Sparetime Supply for \$7.50 per pound.

> Willits 4-H's David Wells of Willits sold his 231-pound market hog to Ron Miner for \$6 per pound; Willits 4-H's Haley Schuck of Willits sold her 238-pound market hog to 101 Trailer & RV for \$7 per pound; Willits FFA's Carolyn Simpson of Willits sold her 1,188-pound market steer to Sparetime Supply for \$4.50 per pound; Covelo FFA's Ethan Mann of Covelo sold his 242-pound market hog to Keith's Family Foods for \$10 per pound: Willits 4-H's Coltin Doak of Willits his 280-pound market hog to Round Tree Glass for \$7.50 sold his 248-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$5.75 per pound; and Round Valley 4-H's Dylan Guerra of Covelo sold his 1,188-pound market steer to Round Valley ndian Tribe for \$5 per pound. Round Valley 4-H's Jonah Lindsay of Covelo sold his 254-pound market hog to Wylatti Resource Management, Inc. for \$13 per pound; Long Valley 4-H's Paige Whitcomb of Laytonville sold her 82-pound market goat to Glen's Commercial Tire for \$14.50 per pound; Long Valley 4-H's Tate Campbell of Laytonville sold his 267-pound market hog to Campbell Falling for \$11 per pound; and Willits 4-H's Sara Compa of Willits sold her 271-pound market hog to Redwood Heating & Cooling for \$7.50 per pound. Willits 4-H's Jaden Doak of Willits sold his 280-pound market hog to Weathertop Nursery for \$6 per pound; Round Valley 4-H's Hunter Guerra of Covelo sold his 1,145-pound market steer to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$7 per pound; Willits FFA's Konner Reed of Willits sold his 225-pound market hog to Ron's Quality Construction for \$9 per pound; Round Valley 4-H's Tuttle Clayton sold his 226-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$10 per pound; Willits FFA's Nova Medina of Covelo sold her FFA rabbit meat pen to The Quarry for \$525; Willits 4-H's Emma Garman of Willits sold her 129-pound market lamb to Peterson Tractor - Willits for \$17.50 per pound; and Covelo FFA's Noelia Davila of Covelo sold her 1,157-pound market steer to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$7 per pound.

pen to Smith West Coast Seal & Stripe for \$500; Willits 4-H's Jacob Compa of Willits sold his 252-pound market hog to Geiger's Long Valley Market for \$6 per pound; Willits 4-H's Taylor Buzzard of Willits sold her 255-pound market hog to Round Tree Glass for \$6 per pound; Willits 4-H's Sierra Mayfield of Willits sold her 264-pound market hog to Solid Waste of Willits for \$5.75 per pound; Round Valley 4-H's Gracie Bauer of Covelo sold her 1,263-pound market steer to Solid Waste of Willits for \$4 per pound; Coyote Valley 4-H's Damien Pulawa of Willits sold his 268-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$6 per pound; and Round Valley 4-H's Kaiden Britton of Covelo sold his 279-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Health Center for \$11 per pound.

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Espinoza after

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Willits 4-H's Laney Hendry of Willits sold her 145-pound market lamb to Shuster's Transportation for \$16 per pound; Willits 4-H's Tyrell Hopkins of Willits sold his 280-pound market hog to Kansas Asphalt, Inc. for \$6 per pound; Covelo FFA's Noah Davila of Covelo sold his 1,266-pound market steer to Round Valley Indian Health Center for \$5.50 per pound; Willits FFA's Sierra Skinner of Willits sold her 223-pound market hog to Mendocino County Farm Bureau for \$5 per pound; Covelo FFA's Ashley Edwards of Covelo sold her 236-pound market hog to Uptown Mercantile for \$8.50 per pound; Willits 4-H's Emma Compa of Willits sold her 241-pound market hog to Ukiah Taco Bell for \$7.50 per pound; Covelo FFA's Tyler Vann of Covelo sold his 246-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$9.75 per pound; and Long Valley 4-H's Garrett Campbell of Laytonville sold his 253-pound market hog to Long Valley Auto Supply for \$9.50 per pound.

Willits FFA's Matthew Hendry of Willits sold his 255-pound market hog to Nor-Cal Recycled Rock & Aggregates for \$5.50 per pound; Willits 4-H's Austin Andrade of Willits sold his 255-pound market hog to Sparetime Supply for \$6 per pound; Long Valley 4-H's Lawrence Taylor of Laytonville sold his 267-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$9.50 per pound; Long Valley 4-H's Collin Spackman-Rowles of Willits sold his 277-pound market hog to Weathertop Nursery for \$8.50 per pound; Willits 4-H's Bailey Ferguson of Willits sold her 280-pound market hog to 101 Trailer & RV for \$7 per pound; Willits 4-H's Lucas Branscomb of Willits sold per pound: Willits FFA's Nicholas Novo of Willits sold his FFA poultry pen to Ukiah Taco Bell for \$500; and Long Valley 4-H's Sheldon Britton of Laytonville sold his 1,227-pound market steer to Round Valley Indian Housing Authority for \$7 per pound.

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Rabbits: champion and reserve single fryer: Stephany Brundage of Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H; best in show: Sophia Scott of Willits 4-H; reserve best in show: Colton Pinson of Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H

Dog: obedience, novice A: Emma Farrell of Kelseyville 4-H; novice B, showmanship intermediate and advanced: Wyatt Gaskell of Kelseyville 4-H. Showmanship novice: Marcella Vallejo of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H.

Cavy: champion cavy: Wyatt Gaskell of Kelseyville 4-H; reserve cavy: Kenzie Kornegay of Ukiah FFA.

Horses: champion mare: Erin Evans of Anderson Marsh 4-H; champion gelding: Rebecca Pierachini of Potter Valley FFA and champion pony: Emma Garman of Willits 4-H. Overall high point 14 and over: Caitlyn Forrester of Willits 4-H; reserve: Thais Reed of Willits 4-H. Overall high point 9 to 13: Erin Evans of Anderson Marsh 4-H; reserve: Claire Moyle of Willits 4-H.

Best of Show awards given to exhibitors in the Junior Building: Baked Food and Confections: Marcela Vallejo of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Cut Flowers: Jonathan Hunt of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Decorated Cakes: Kenzie Kornegay of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Dried Floral Arrangements: Jonathan Hunt of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Fiber Art: Kylie Kornegay of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Fine Arts: Ariel Anton of Mendocino Spartans 4-H; Floral Arrangements: Sara Compa of Willits 4-H; Fly Tying: Hayden Hayes of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Hobbies: Athena Anderson of Fort Bragg 4-H; Photography: Jillian Anton of Mendocino Spartans 4-H. Poetry: Marcela Vallejo of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Scrapbook: Collin Spackman-Rowles of Long Valley 4-Η.

Sewing: Cassia Lazaro of Potter Valley 4-H; Textiles: Katie Penry of Potter Valley 4-H; Wood Working: Garrett Dailey of Potter Valley 4-H; Wood Working: Ashley Edwards of Covelo FFA; Wool Reserve Champion Fleece of Show: Sarah Viale of Navajo Churro Project; and Wool Champion Fleece of Show: Jodie Nelson of Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H.

Junior Gardens winners: 4-H division: Jonathan Hunt of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Independent division: Shannon Whetzel of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Wheel Barrow Contest: Tanner Whetzel of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; and Window display: Navajo Churro Project Gro – Maureen Moore up.

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Willits 4-H's Halee Reed of Willits sold her 247-pound market hog to Bud Garman Construction for \$6 per pound; Willits FFA's Kristopher Novo of Willits sold his FFA poultry



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Long Valley 4-H's Connor Taylor of Laytonville sold his 280-pound market hog to Cahto Tribe of Laytonville Rancheria for \$10.25 per pound; Round Valley 4-H's Chah-lahl Whipple of Covelo sold her 232-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$13.50 per pound; Willits 4-H's Nakai Chilson of Willits sold her 71-pound market goat to Arrow Fencing for \$10 per pound; and Willits 4-H's Samantha Thomas sold her 257-pound market hog to Weathertop Nursery for \$6.50 per pound.

Willits 4-H's Caitlyn Forrester of Willits sold her 1,350-pound market steer to Redwood Empire RVs & Ukiah Valley Rentals for \$5.75 per pound; Willits FFA's Rhiana Peart of Willits sold her 127-pound market lamb to Arrow Fencing for \$13.50 per pound; Willits 4-H's Aaron Colvig of Willits sold his 280-pound market hog to Sparetime Supply for \$7.50 per pound; Round Valley 4-H's Nadia Davila of Covelo sold her 78-pound market goat to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$46 per pound; Willits 4-H's Taten Heiken of Willits sold his 280-pound market hog to Solid Waste of Willits for \$9.25 per pound; Willits 4-H's Ian Seymour of Willits sold his 1,306-pound market steer to Ukiah Taco Bell for \$5.50 per pound; and Willits FFA's Kayla Lyon of Willits sold her 136-pound market lamb to lverson Logging for \$9 per pound.

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### Thursday, August 7

Free meals for kids in Willits: last two days of this summer meals program: kids under 18 years of age can go to the Blosser Lane Elementary School cafeteria Monday through Friday for a free breakfast between 8 and 8:30 am and for a free lunch

between 11 am and 12 noon. Through August 8. Sponsored by the USDA as part of its "Summer Food Program." No income requirements or forms to fill out. Info: 459-7700.

"Paws To Read" Willits: Summer Reading Program at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Thursdays and some Saturdays, 11 am to noon. Today's program: "In Our Own Forest: Emmy Good from Willits' favorite stamp shop will be here to share animal stories and do some wonderful

creative activities with children of all ages. Come and make some cool stuff to take home!" Info: 459-5908.

Kinetic Carnivale Grand Ball Performers

The 2014 Kinetic Carnivale's Grand Ball is set for Saturday, August 9 at the Engine Room,

Mendocino County Museum. With MCs Billy Hetheringon and Bryan Arnold. Tickets: \$35 advance,

\$40 day of show; couple (2 tickets): \$60; students 13-18: \$20. Must be age 13 or older for admission.

Steampunk Week at the Noyo: featuring Sky Captain and the Norld of Tomorrow. Thursday, August 7: 12 noon, 4:45 pm, and 9:30 pm. Friday, August 8 through Sunday, August 10, 12:30 pm and 6:45 pm.

matinee; kids 3 to 11, and seniors 62+. Two-for-one Kinetic Carnivale tickets with paid admission! Critic Roger Ebert says: "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow' is even more fun than it sounds like. In its heedless energy and joy, it reminded me of how I felt the first time I saw "Raiders of the Lost Ark." It's like a film that escaped from the imagination directly onto the screen, without having to pass through reality along the way...." Noyo Theatre, 57 East Commercial Street. More info and movie trailer at: www.noyotheatre.com.

Shanachie Pub: Hip hop / neofunk by Seattle-based MC/ Pianist/Producer Q Dot. 8 pm. \$5. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, August 8 Free meals for kids in Willits: see Thursday, August 7 listing.

Brooktrails Lodge: Grand Opening tonight of "Mr. Larry's New Orleans Outside BBQ and Café" at the Brooktrails Lodge, 24675 Birch Street. Southern Style Cuisine: Catfish, tri-tip and brisket, red

beans and rice, macaroni. Open hours: Thursday, Friday and at the Kinetic Carnivale, Saturday, August 9 and Sunday, Supervisors Meeting in Covelo: The Mendocino County Saturday from 4 pm to midnight. Contact Mr. Larry at 459-6792 or at dreamcapsuleindustries@gmail.com.

Free Zumba for Teens: Zumba is always free for teenagers on Friday nights at Studio Joy, 1262 Blosser Lane. Class at 6 pm with Melissa. Info: 707-841-7499 or www.studiojoywillits. com

**Brooktrails Lodge:** Open Mic every Friday at the Lodge's Caminiti's Lounge. Live jams featuring local artists: all

performers please see Mr. Larry when you arrive. 24675 Birch Street. Info: 459-1596.

Shanachie Pub: Kinetic Carnivale Kick-Off Party, featuring Sweet Beat Petite, burlesque from Sonoma County (adult version tonight), Junk Parlor, Gypsy rock, "is a dreamscape junkyard of

sounds based out of San Francisco." 9 pm. \$15. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

## Saturday, August 9

Parking Lot Sale & Flea Market: Harrah Senior Center annual sale, 1501 Baechtel Road. 8 am to 1 pm. Parking spaces available for rent, \$20 each or \$5 adults/\$3 2 for \$30: \$15 each or 2 for \$25 for Harrah Center members, Call 459-6826 for info

> 2014 Kinetic Carnivale: today and tomorrow at the Rec Grove, featuring entertainment, music, steampunk

vendors, food and more. A benefit for the Mendocino County Museum. Rec Grove Fair is set for Saturday, 10 am through 6 pm, and Sunday, 10 am through 4 pm. Whimsy Circus, games, crafts and circus fun for kids of all ages at the Rec Grove both days. Grand Ball tonight at 7 pm. Handcar Races Sunday from 11 am to 1 pm at the Skunk Train Depot. Beard & Mustache Competition, Sunday from 12:30 to 1:30 pm, Main Stage at the Rec Grove. For more information, see article on page 1, list of Grand Ball performers elsewhere on Calendar page, or visit www.

kineticcarnivale.com. Victorian Tea Party: Willits Elementary Charter School hosts a Victorian Tea Party in their garden, 405 East Commercial Street, across from the Rec Grove, to celebrate the Kinetic people and animals live in harmony Carnivale, Noon to 4 pm.

with God's good earth." \$10. RSVP: Library at the Kinetic Carnivale: Willits Library 459-2855 will host a "Make Your Own Buggy Jewelry" booth

August 10. "We have bugs and bling ready for your creative Board of Supervisors are set to hold their regular meeting energy, or bring your own gears and gizmos to add to one in Covelo today, at the Round Valley Public Library, 23925 of our gold bugs," says Annie Shirako, Willits librarian. "We also have steampunk books at the library – clothing, jewelry, accessories, history and fiction – all gathered in one place for your inspiration. Check them out!" Willits Library, 390 E from Mendocino Council of Governments Commercial Street, is open Monday through Thursday and Saturday and closed Fridays and Sundays. Open at 10 am;

1:30 am.

kids \$5.

What's Happening Around Town Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits

closing hours vary. Info: 459-5908.

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9 listing for details.

is Coming, What To Do?" Featuring Ellen Komp, California NORML deputy director, and Casey O'Neill, local farmer with the newly formed Mendocino Cannabis Policy Council. Discussion will cover both state and local issues, with time for Q & A. Free. 4 to 6 pm at 375 Harwood Road, Laytonville. Info: 984-6587.

Monday, August 11 Creativity Camp: Willits Methodist

- 15 from 8:45 am to 12:30 pm. For grades 1 through 6. Games, Activities, Stories, Snack. "We will learn how to be part of the global effort to help

Church, 286 School Street. August 11

Howard Street. Meeting starts at 10:30 am. Proposed agenda topics include: a CEQA hearing for the Round Valley Airport, a potential info update about projects in Round Valley, "we're hoping to have an update on the status of illegal marijuana grows in the National Forest from Sheriff Tom Allman," and the Drought Ad Hoc committee will be providing an

Brooktrails Lodge: Andre update on their status. The full agenda will be Nickatina, rap / hip hop from available online on Friday afternoon, August 7, the Fillmore in SF, on tour. New at www.co.mendocino.ca.us/bos/meetings/ album "Andre Nickatina." http:// PublishedMeetings.htm. The meeting will www.andrenickatina.com. 9 pm to be recorded for delayed broadcast. Info: 463-4441

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Ice Cream Social: Monthly Ice Cream Social Sunday, August 10 at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Senior Center Pancake Road. 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Enjoy music by Janice Breakfast: 8 to 11 am. Pancakes, Winters; "Name that Tune"; pie, ice cream, coffee & eggs, and a choice of sausage, prizes. Members \$1; non-members, \$1.50. ham, or bacon. 1501 Baechtel

Road. Adults \$7, members \$6, Tuesday, August 12

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D 2014 Kinetic Carnivale: Hand movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays Car Races today at the Skunk at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This Train Depot; see Sunday, August week's Tightwad movies: "Guardians of the Galaxy" and "Sky Captain & The World of Tomorrow." For showtimes: Renaissance www.novotheatre.com, 57 East Commercial Street, 459-Speaker Series: sponsored by

### Wednesday, August 13

Mental Health Services Act Forum: 2 to 3:30 pm, at St. Anthony's Annual Parking Lot Sale: from 9 am to 2 pm Laytonville Family Resource Center, 44400 Willits Avenue, at St. Anthony's Hall, 58 Bush Street. For further info or to Laytonville. "Members of the public, consumers and family donate items, please call Margaret: 459-2212. members, MHSA Stakeholders and community agencies are WHS Boosters Golf Tournament: Willits High School encouraged to attend the meeting to provide suggestions, Boosters Club's 2nd annual Golf Tournament, at the ideas and feedback on the MHSA programs." Brooktrails Golf Course. 4 person scramble/shotgun start. 8 Agendas published at: www.co.mendocino.ca.us/ am registration. Tournament begins at 9 am. \$10,000 hole hhsa/mhsa.htm. Info: Robin Meloche, MHSA in one prize. \$30 non-members, \$20 for members. Price Coordinator at 707-472-2332.

Thursday, August 14

PAWS To Read Summer Reading Finale: Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 1 to 2 pm. "We'll have a visit from some very special 'Paws' attached to real wild animals presented by North American Wildlife. We'll celebrate your reading accomplishments with certificates

## **Save the Date**

games. Info: 459-2752.

WELL Garden Tour, Saturday, August 23 Grange Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, August 24, Little Lake Grange Roots Annual Steam-Up and Timberworks Lumberjack Show, September 6 & 7 Not JUST Cowboy Poetry, Saturday, September 13, Emandal Frontier Davs Ranch Rodeo, Saturday, September 20, Rodeo Grounds

and a sweet treat!" Info: 459-5908

Birch Street. Info: 459-1596.

Friday, August 15

Brooktrails Lodge: Ladies Night every

Thursday at the Lodge's Caminiti's Lounge, 8 pm

to 2 am. \$3 drink specials. The Dream Capsule

Band presents live music and karaoke. 24675

Free Zumba for Teens: Zumba is always free

for teenagers on Friday nights at Studio Joy,

1262 Blosser Lane. Class at 6 pm with Melissa.

Info: 707-841-7499 or www.studiojoywillits.

Brooktrails Lodge: Open Mic every Friday at

the Lodge's Caminiti's Lounge. Live jams featuring

local artists: all performers please see Mr. Larry

when you arrive. 24675 Birch Street. Info: 459-1596.

77th Annual Old Timers Baseball Game: Harwood

Memorial Park in Laytonville, Laytonville vs. Willits:

winner takes the Boomer Kelton Trophy. Saturday,

August 17: Old Timers Co-Ed Softball at 8 am. BBQ at 11

am; BBQ chicken prepared by the Laytonville Lions Club;

salads, desserts and fixins' donated by community members.

Old Timers Game "Opening Ceremonies" at 1 pm. Baseball

includes lunch and a drink ticket. All proceeds to benefit

WHS athletic teams and clubs. Support the Boosters by

becoming a Hole Sponsor for \$40; hole sponsor laminated

signs are displayed at the tournament and all home football

Round Valley Blackberry Festival: The 32nd Annual Round

Valley Blackberry Festival, Saturday, August 16 and Sunday,

August 17 at the festival grounds in downtown Covelo.

Game: 2 pm. Info: Kandice Golightly, 707-489-7401.

Saturday, August 16

Featuring MC Mickey the Clown and live music throughout the weekend. Visit www.roundvalleyblackberryfestival.com/ music for full schedule. Enjoy a blackberry slush while strolling around the surrounding arbor, full of numerous arts and craft vendors and community organizations. Square dance on Saturday night; 5/10K run/walk on Sunday morning (www. roundvalley.org/library/race.pdf), followed by a country-style breakfast and a motorcycle and antique car show. Noon to 7 pm on Saturday; 10 am to 5 pm on Sunday. Admission is free. General info: www.roundvalleyblackberryfestival.com.

## Sunday, August 17

Caminiti's Family Dining & Lounge at the

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Boomer's Old Timers Brunch: at Boomer's Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, Laytonville. 9 am to 3 pm. Info: Kandice Golightly, 707-489-7401, or call Boomer's, 984-6584, www. boomerssaloon.com/index.php/sunday-brunch-menu.

Round Valley Blackberry Festival: see Saturday, August 16 listing for details.

## **Fruits & Veggies**

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market at City Park, every Thursday from 3 to 6 pm. Greens, onions, strawberries, summer squash, melons, eggplant, cucumbers, peaches, squash and other summer produce, cut flowers, local meats and fish, dinner, crafts, live music, and more.

Children's Farmers Market: Thursdays from noon to 1 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, through August 16. Bring home-grown or home-made items to sell. Bring your own tables and set-up. Call the library, 459-5908, to reserve your spot or inquire about becoming an adult volunteer.

Laytonville Farmers Market: Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 pm in downtown Laytonville. Buy local: vegetables, apples, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, jewelry, aprons, children's clothing, knife sharpening and more.

Grateful Gleaners: This volunteer crew is available to pick fruit that you aren't able to use, to donate to local organizations in need of fruit. If you're interested in having fruit picked by the Gleaners, or in volunteering with the group, contact the Gleaners' voice mail, 513-9489, and leave a message, and they will return your call as soon as possible.

## Molly's Revenge - WCT, August 23

The energetic Celtic trio Molly's Revenge will play traditional Scottish and Irish music at the Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, August 23 at 8 pm. This dynamic, acoustic threesome is known for its unique and infectious performances. The three members, David Brewer, John Weed and Stuart Mason, combine classic bagpipes, whistle, and fiddle, with a backdrop of guitar, mandola, and bodhran to guarantee an enjoyable experience for all fans.

Molly's Revenge has performed at many of the top folk festivals and performing arts events in the USA, and prestigious events in Scotland, Australia and China. Their arrangement of traditional Celtic jigs and eels offers a driving, hard-edged accent that always leaves audience shouting for more. In 2013, the band released its all-instrumental, full-length studio CD entitled "Trio," recorded at a remote location in the redwoods of the Mendocino Coast. The CD encompasses Scottish pipe sets, driving Irish reels, jigs, polkas, slides, and hornpipes, French Canadian fiddle runs, and even a set of American old-time tunes featuring Highland pipes. "Trio" represents a compelling collection of fierce and beautiful tunes recorded at a rare coastal retreat. Advance tickets for the show are \$15 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com, or phone the WCT office at 707-459-0895 for credit card orders. Tickets are also available at the door. The performance is sponsored by Celtic Heritage Destinations Travel Agency of Willits.

Lee Presson and The Nails: an award-winning Big and intricately synchronized in their execution of Band out of San Francisco. Led by the manic Lee movement, while emanating a stage presence that is Presson, LPN has been pounding out their peculiar simultaneously inviting and mesmerizing.

Loved Up: the sonic manifestation of a lifelong Church Marching Band: a 13-piece street band psychedelic art project by Terry Baker. A devoted hailing from Sonoma County. They are composed of a practitioner of Nada Yoga - the yoga of sound -Baker's goal is to create music that will help facilitate the integration of head, heart, and body. Playing live quitar with electronic heartscapes, Loved Up merges world, funk, jazz, devotional and rock to craft a complex yet sensual entheogenic whole in which all

#### Passion **A Garden Party** flowers n the Shusters Saturday, August 16 back yard.

Have you ever recalled a fond memory, and said, "I wish they Photo courtesy still did that." Or, worse: "I wish I could still do that."

of Steve Time slips away from us. Creating memories, that's what Eberhard it's all about, and cherishing each and every one of them. Still willing and able to throw the party of the summer, Phil and

manifold of misfit multi-instrumentalists, well-versed in a variety of musical stylings. Playing everything from funk to Balkan to Ratatat covers everywhere from house parties to grocery stores to office buildings, Church is an immersive, singular experience to be

brand of sinister swing since 1994.

Swing Obscene: a collaboration by DJs Cousin Larry and Sgt. Slaughter, two seasoned Northern California DJs who have a special love for swing-based electronic dance music. They play a variety of genres of fun, lovable electro swing that is sure to make you get out of your seat and move your feet.

Poplock Holmes: taking over the Americas with Steam Powered Rap. Chap Hop driven by a Steampunk Chap.

Toniq Vivant: a dance troupe that incorporates traditional World Dance, Tribal Fusion, Hip Hop, and Flow, with burlesque and vaudevillian overtones. Members: Lia Miyamura, Elika Freeman, Natalie Cottrell, Miel Newstead, and Amanda Means Stinson.

Cassandra Dandra: Cassandra, trained as a dancer as a youth, then trained with the circus in San Francisco. She now performs and makes art on rope and aerial fabric, and specializes in wielding her striking height at high velocity. Her imagination thrives between 20 and 30 feet above ground, where she grapples with human limitations and seeks glimpses of the sublime

Troupe Satya: Ukiah's premier belly dance troupe since 2000, performing a beautiful style of Tribal Fusion belly dance with Egyptian and modern dance influences. Choreography emphasizes a contrast between the sharpness of pops and locks and the grace of undulations. Dancers are precisely

Above: 2014 Auction Purchase

Willits 4-H

Lilah Garman

edwood Empire Fair

Stride Ironbender: (aka Steve Del Fierro) has been dancing his entire life, starting as a break dancer in the '80s, and now in the current electronic dance music / trance scene where he practices three main styles: Tectonic, Jumpstyle and Shuffling. Stride believes dancing is the ultimate exercise combining fun and fitness perfectly.

chakras are represented.

Saturnin Ba: dancer and percussionist from the lvory Coast will join his African dance students to present

a traditional staff dance in honor of the Glah mask. a powerful and sacred presence for his native Guere culture, that acts as a bridge between the living and the spirit realm. Saturnin is currently teaching a weekly African dance class at the Willits Community Center for the Arts.

Kinetic Carnivale Fashion Show: Local designers create incredibly amazing steampunk fashions that are shown off by beautiful models to amazing beats. Tesla Coils Demonstration: presented by Lord Voltamort

Audette Sophia: Catalyst Arts founder and stilt walker: as a stilt walker, Audette's birds-eye view of the special events world inspired her to create extraordinary costumed characters who interact with guests in novel and engaging ways. If you see these lovely ladies strolling at the Grand Ball, stop and say





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Kathy Shuster invite everyone to join them for some memory-making at their annual Garden Party, Saturday, August 16, at 1660 Center Valley Road, beginning at 4 pm.

Bring members of the family, or invite friends to join you. You can start the evening with a refreshing ice-cold chocolate martini, or chilled wine from a whole host of area wineries. A glass of pinot noir from Claudia Springs, perhaps, as you quickly scan the crowd and notice all the friendly familiar faces.

If you've never visited the incredible garden, prepare to be amazed. It features a large koi pond and flower section, complete with a tiny vineyard (three rows heavily laden with pinot noir grapes). Just beyond the trumpetvined fence, you find a large vegetable garden and a greenhouse where all the magic begins. I'm enjoying fresh basil. It sprang to life from seeds Kathy brought home from France.

Unwind. Take your time. Slow down. Breathe deeply. Tri-tip and oysters are being barbecued to perfection. All sorts of goodies are being laid out for the small-plate buffet. Now, while you're enjoying that first plate (believe me, you'll be back for a second), you'll hear the soothing sounds of live music School Farm. 7 pm at the Little Lake Grange, provided by The Bassics. Over the years the party has grown so that tables 291 School Street. "In this classic 1934 film by Willits for a Summer Women's Choral Camp, August and chairs cover the west wing, but who says you can't dance on the grass?

Advance tickets are available through Willits Rotary Club members and (and sheer desperation) they flee to the country and the morning of Saturday, August 16. Jenny Watts WEF members, Cat's Meow or Goods' Shoppe. I would urge you to take and, with the help of other workers, set up a will accompany on piano. Ann will be available for time for yourself. For information or tickets call: Rotarian John Cross 485- farming community which suffers many hardships private coaching on this music or any other. Music is 2274 or Kathy Shuster 459-2659.

Both are devoted to this fundraising event because all proceeds benefit schools within Willits Unified School District and their art, music and library a compelling picture of the struggle and hardships programs.

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Molly's Revenge members Stuart Mason, John Weed and David Brewer. Photo by Rick Ahern

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The Now and Then Film Series presents "Our Daily Bread." as a fundraiser for the Brookside

period." Suggested donation of \$5 to \$100 Info:

1868 or kitty@kittynorris.com

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Willits 4-H Lance Burgess

- Steve Hellman, for Willits Community Theatre

### Summer Women's Choral Camp Beloved Choral Director Ann MacDonald returns to

King Vidor, two city-dwellers are hit hard by the 11 to 16, with a house concert August 17. Tuition is financial fist of the Depression. Driven by bravery \$175. Rehearsal times will be 7 pm Monday - Friday - including drought, temptation and the long arm available to listen to on JWPepper.com. the repertoire of the law - but ultimately pulls together for a is as follows: "A Sunday Kind of Love": 08202416; Utopian finish. This artful black & white film paints "You Make Me Feel So Young": 38097; "In My Life": 35028218; "Prayer for Peace": SBMP948; "Arise My faced by Americans during this troubled economic Love": SBMP55; "You Are the New Day": HL08740432. For info and to sign up, contact Kitty Norris at 459-





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## **Before & After** Two Willits women sacrifice their locks

at Relay for Life

Relay for Lifers Jennifer Sookne and Sharron Kidd made a dramatic gesture at the Willits Relay event on July 26: they had their heads shaved, to support people who lose their hair during chemotherapy. The two Willits women also hoped their sacrifice would inspire people to donate to the Willits Relay for Life benefit for the American Cancer Society.

It's not unusual to see people without hair at Relay for Life events: cancer survivors, rocking the bald-headed look. Kidd, co-chair of the survivors' group this year, had a bald head herself, at the 2013 Relay, due to chemotherapy. "Last year, I didn't have a choice," she said. "This year, I had a choice!"

Kidd, a caregiver for 15 years, started feeling sick the day after Christmas 2012. A CAT scan in mid-January 2013 revealed a large mass on her ovaries, and Kidd had surgery at UC San Francisco to remove the malignant tumor in mid-March.

Although Kidd said she was more scared about the chemotherapy than the surgery, as it turned out, she had "virtually no trouble at all" with chemo, she

of talents in our community.

second-place award in the Fine Arts building.

place awards in the Junior Building.

many items across all the buildings.

and produce in a jar entries.



Above: Jennifer Sookne shows off her before and after looks.

At right, row from top: Sookne and Sharron Kidd, at right, get ready for their "trims"; the hairdresser works on Kidd's hair with an electric clipper; Kidd gets her finishing touches, while Sookne waits her turn.

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In The Stars LEO ARIES Mar 21/Apr 20 Jul 23/Aug 23

Finances are on your mind this Leo, do not deny yourself so week, Aries. You could be driven pleasure, especially if you ha now more than ever to get your been putting in a lot of work a ducks in a row. Expect such tasks effort to attain your goals. Enjoy to be a bit stressful but ultimately little down time when you can.

worth it.

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TAURUS	VIRGO
Apr 21/May 21	Aug 24/Sept 22

Taurus, avoid being sidetracked Virgo, you cherish your time with friends and family this week, by some familiar obstacles. spending as many free moments Even with the best intentions you with them as possible. In the can get pushed off target. Pay coming days, carve out some attention and stick with it. alone time for vourself.

#### **GEMINI** LIBRA May 22/Jun 21 Sept 23/Oct 23

Gemini, it may be tempting to Libra, you are no stranger to set aside responsibilities in favor meeting other people's demands, of more exciting experiences. but you need to be very firm But the real opportunities for about what you want right now. adventure come from making Work with others but make your commitments and goals. opinions known as well.

> CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22

to express feelings that you have been keeping to yourself. If you are worried about how others

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How To Sudoku:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a Sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once
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You can figure out the order in
which the numbers will appear by
using the numeric clues already
provided in the boxes. The more

	SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21	
ome ave and oy a	Sagittarius, there is a lot more going on in your life now than meets the eye. Moves that you make could be crucial to your success, so do your best to make sure you make the right choices.	1

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20

> Capricorn, expect some initial dissent when you propose an unorthodox solution to a problem. Don't worry much, as others will come around when the plan starts to work.

> > AQUARIUS Jan 21/Feb 18

Do not allow your emotions to get the better of you this week, Aquarius. Steer clear of confusing issues and do not delve too deeply into things you don't understand.

> PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20

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2. Set free

3. Consume

5. Rowing team

6. Gusto (Italian)

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8. Semitic gods
10. Print errors
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26. Large primate
27. Aba Honeymoon

29. Indian solder

33. Be incorrect

32. NYSE regulator

38. Hearing receptor

39. Gone by

If you've got this summer's movie "Snowpiercer" on your must-

"Wool" draws on the same science fiction themes as "Snowpiercer":

see list, you'll enjoy reading "Wool" by Hugh Howey. Originally

published as a digital serial in 2011, it's now available in book form.

an uninhabitable earth sometime in the future, a handful of human

suspense and action are there, but the gratuitous violence is dialed

42. "Heir of Fire"

author Sarah

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survivors and the social mechanisms

necessary for their continued

existence. But, the story is much

richer, with well-developed characters

and more interesting plot twists. The



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Cancer, you may finally be ready Scorpio, your intensity helps you will respond, don't be. You have relaxation once your projects are and take your bow with grace and finished

accepting friends.

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**SCORPIO** Oct 24/Nov 22 aet through some difficult projects in the weeks ahead. Be sure to

make some time for rest and 4

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Fair exhibitors awarded for entries in art, gardening, baking and more

The Redwood Empire Fair isn't just about youth Above left: Wayne Ingle's award-winning tomatoes entered into the Agriculture/ exhibitors and livestock entries, there's a whole Horticulture building. Above right: Tim bunch of North County residents who also enter August's award-winning French bread items into the Horticulture, Floriculture, Agriculture, entered into the Home Arts building. Home Arts and Fine Arts buildings, too.

Below: Caroline T. Salcedo's guilt in the The oasis of the air-conditioned buildings gave Home Arts building. fair-goers a chance to cool off from the outdoor

Bottom: One of Michele Briggs' produce heat, and a chance to appreciate the wide variety character entries, a hummingbird.

Photos by Maureen Moore





#### COLUMN | Driplines

numbers you name, the easier it

gets to solve the puzzle!



We've all been doing our best to

reduce outdoor water usage this year. Many people have removed lawn areas, cut back on summer gardens and focused on spring and fall plantings, are watering in the

cool times of morning or evening, and Jerry Jordan are using mulch to hold moisture in the soil. Drip irrigation is a great help to these conservation efforts, as it puts the water

right at the base of the plant, where it can be used most efficiently. It is also convenient when set up on a timer. But it's important that we take time to observe how well our systems are working during the season, and to do routine maintenance to keep things running optimally

If you started the season by installing a new drip irrigation system: sit back, relax, and enjoy it. Just observe your plants regularly, and adjust the duration of watering or add extra emitters to heavy users if they look wilted or stressed. Otherwise, all should be well.

With established systems, maintenance ideally starts in the spring, or with the first watering. Start at the filter by removing the screen and cleaning it thoroughly. Use a soft brush to remove any buildup you see. This should take less than five minutes. If you didn't take care of that in spring, you may want to do it now. Debris in a filter can affect water flow or cause your system to stop functioning.

Usually you would walk the length of the system at the beginning of the gardening season, checking to make sure emitters are working, and that no parts were damaged by freezing over the winter. If your tubing is on the surface or under light mulch, you can often hear or see a squirting hole or free-flowing water, if a fitting happens to come loose

During summer, the plants tell the story. If a whole row or area of plants is wilting regularly, you will need to investigate those sections of line and all the parts. Poke your finger in the soil after running your system and make sure there are wet spots under the emitters. If an emitter is not working, take it out and replace it. With 1/4-inch emitter tubing, you will have to replace that entire section.

For people on city water systems, plugged emitters are rarely if ever a problem. My rural home system is fed from a well with moderate mineral content, so checking emitters is much more important. I can usually expect three to five years of use before

I notice any plugging. The main feeder lines may last 10 or more years before replacing if you periodically flush out the ends to remove loose debris. For this reason, I like to have valves at the ends of my main lines so I can do this while the system is operating. It also helps to drain the system when it's time for winterizing.

Concerning timers, it's important to change the batteries once a year. If you haven't done that yet, make sure you do it soon; especially if you are about to go on vacation and are expecting to return to a happy, healthy garden. The nice thing about using programmable timers for your system is that you can add extra time or an extra watering cycle during heat waves, then change it back when the weather cools.

With a little maintenance, observation and care, your drip system will very effectively do its part to conserve water. Jerry Jordan has worked with drip irrigation for more than 30 years.

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## Furry Friends Hoping for a Home **Adorable Fifi**

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## A Covelo Queen ... hopefully

Willits' Carlie Scarbery, 17, is to overcome – and she hopes running hoping to win the title of Round Valley Rodeo Queen and is asking for your of her shell. support to make her way to the crown. She has been riding since she was 2 years old, enjoys showing English and Western, and is proud to note she has won buckles in both horse shows and

gymkhanas over the years. Planning to graduate early from her online independent study,

Scarbery will soon be off to the this year.' Clinton Anderson Clinician Academy in Stephenville, Texas at the Down Under Horsemanship Ranch, where she will study to become a horse trainer, in the Anderson style. The year-and-a-half course of study will allow her to travel and teach the methods to riders across the country, and even the world.

tight ties to the Covelo area, which There was one small hurdle, though: makes running there a great option: Scarbery had always felt a little shy her father, Brian, grew up there and his parents, Carlie's grandparents, when out talking to the public, and this is something she is determined still reside there. Grandma Barbara

## Grateful Gleaners

train with orchard ladders

Falling out of a tree or a ladder is not something the Villits Grateful Gleaners want to see happen, either to their volunteer gleaners or to any home orchard owner. This is why they recently engaged Richard Jeske, local fruit tree specialist, to train gleaner volunteers in the use of an orchard ladder to safely pick fruit. This training took place July 30, as the group gears up to harvest this year's fruits. An orchard ladder is different from a four-legged ladder in that it has only three legs, the single back leg being a moveable leg which allows the user a stable tripod on all sorts of uneven terrain, even on slopes. Ensuring the stability of the ladder before you climb high up is essential, according to Jeske. A torque to the back leg or undiscovered gopher holes can cause sudden lurches that startle the user and can cause an accident. An orchard ladder's third leg can even be threaded through the trunk of the tree to allow the picker to get much closer to the fruit that is growing toward the center. Not climbing higher than you feel comfortable (or past the red warning step) and keeping your center of gravity close in to the ladder are also key to safe climbing. Stretching out on either side of the ladder is a "no-no." Getting the extra big juicy apple just out of reach is not worth a painful fall. According to the Grateful Gleaners' team leaders, safety is always the first priority for the volunteers. Gleaners who don't want to use a ladder can pick fruit using fruit pickers while standing on the ground, or can assist those on the ladder to get fruit into boxes and buckets. Jeske also trained the gleaners how to recognize when fruit is ripe and which fruits need to be picked ripe and which need to ripen off the tree (for example, pears). Although there is a range of fruit that can be grown in Willits and the surrounding area, the majority of fruits harvested by the Grateful Gleaners are apples, pears and plums.

Thrasher even runs the Bones Pet for Queen will really help her come out Rescue located in the area.

Until the August 29 deadline, "In order to win, I have to get myself Scarbery will be out selling tickets to out there, sell tickets, talk to people the Blackberry Festival raffle, the Bull and really get out of my comfort Riding event at 7 pm on August 16, and zone," said Scarbery. "Now is really the Round Valley Rodeo August 29 to my chance, too. I knew if I didn't run 31. Raffle tickets are \$2 each, and before getting too old or moving away, Scarbery stressed that purchasers need not be present to win! Bull riding tickets are \$5, and rodeo tickets are \$8. Purchasing rodeo tickets from Scarbery will not only save patrons \$2 (tickets will be available at the gate for \$10 each), but also gets buyers into a drawing for a half hog, whole hog and whole lamb - where again, winners

Scarbery is happy to meet with customers in town to purchase

tickets, or you can catch her at many upcoming local events. She can be reached by calling 489-8856.

Maureen Moore



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## Kinetic From Page 1

rday and "extreme" juggling by Periko on Sunday will tain kids and adults alike.

oots of Motive Power will be offering diesel train rides nd the Roots loop on Saturday from 1 to 4 pm, and der rides on Sunday from noon to 3 pm, for \$1 for kids d up attending the Carnivale (with a Kinetic Carnivale p), and \$3.50 for the general public.

verly's Crafts will be offering "awesome" crafts at the nsy Circus, Aguirre said; mostly for free, although ct steampunk embellishments like watch parts will be ed for a small fee.

ames will include the TNT Balloon Race, where cipants race to see who can pop their balloon first; the ken Ball Toss (can you get your ball past the Kracken?); Regatta Rivalry; and Queen Victoria's Quackers (pick a er duckie to win a prize). Young archeologists can dig easure at the Kinetic Archeological Excavation: "kids use little sand sifters to dig and find some gems to home." Some basic old-fashioned games like bean toss and "toss a ball into the fish bowl or the tea cups" to the fun, as does the opportunity to learn swing or ra dancing: "Contra dancing is especially fun for kids," rre said.

ne "Big Swing," a converted brass bed on a giant

## Building From Page 10

ien won four first-place awards, two second-place rds and one third-place award for her entries in the Home and Floriculture buildings, including African violets and and jellies. Lisa Burgess won two first-place awards two second-place awards in the Floriculture building for rrangements, watering can and wheelbarrow entries. dye Butow won a second-place award in the Fine Arts ling for her mixed-media jewelry entry. Peter Byrne three first-place awards and two third-place awards ne Floriculture building for his roses and geranium es. Emma Compa won a first-place award in the Junior ling. Sarah Compa won three first-place awards, one nd-place award and one third-place award in the ior Building. Bonnie Cook won two first-place awards, second-place awards and one third-place award in Floriculture Building for her cut flower entries. Sarah n won three third-place awards in the Home Arts and iculture buildings for her small arrangement, pickles yeast bread entries. Terri Davis won a second-place rd in the Fine Arts building for her poetry entry. Steve rhard won a first-place award in the Fine Arts building his framed creative presentation entry. Ella Garman a second-place award in the Junior Building for her nouse entry. Emma Garman won five first-place awards four second-place awards in the Junior Building. Lilah man won three first-place awards and four seconde awards in the Junior Building. Porter Garman won a place award and a second-place award in the Junior ding. Skyler Goldenghast won three first-place awards he Junior building. Ray Harrie won a first-place award in Floriculture building for his potted fern. ichard Harter won a first-place award in the Floriculture ding for his daisy stem entry. Ella Hebrard won two first-

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Face-painting by Room to Bloom, a bounce house provided by Yokum's, giant bubbles provided by First 5 Mendocino, a Masquerade Tent for making or embellishing a costume, and a site-wide "mustache hunt" - find 20 of the hidden mustache stickers, take pictures with your phone or write a log, and win prizes - are a few more of the kinetic activities kids will love.

For full details on the Kinetic Carnivale check the website at www.kineticcarnivale.com. Volunteers are still needed for many tasks: earn free admission with a volunteer shift. Email Volunteers@MendocinoMuseum.org, or call 459-2736 or stop by the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, to sign up for a volunteer shift.

- Jennifer Poole

three first-place awards and two second-place awards in the Home Arts building for her decorative painting entries. Rose Mann won two first-place awards and one secondplace award in the Home Arts building for her cookie entries. Artie McCann won a second-place award in the Fine Arts building for her bead entry. Tom McCann won two first-place awards in the Fine Arts building for his watercolor entry. Sarah McKinley won five first-place awards, two secondplace awards and two third-place awards in the Fine Arts building. Gretchen Moore won one first-, one second- and one third-place awards in the Home Arts building for her quilt entries. Colleen Pappadakis won four first-place awards, three second-place awards and one third-place award for her entries in the Fine Arts building. Robert Parmenter won two first-place awards and one second-place award for his oil painting entries in the Fine Arts building.

Evelyn Persico won three first-place awards and two second-place awards in the Home Arts building for her jam, jelly and pickle entries. Caroline T. Salcedo won a first-, second- and third-place award in the Home Arts building for her guilt entries. Marla Schroeder won a first-, two secondand one third-place awards in the Home Arts building for her counted cross stitch and decorative painting entries. Nancy Gayle Simpson won one first- and one second-place award in the Home Arts building for her quilt entries. Robert Sizemore won two first-place awards, one second-place award and two third-place awards in the Fine Arts building for his wood sculpture and decorative wood art entries.

Collin Spackman-Rowles won a first-place award in the Junior building. Bruce Sprinkle won three first-place awards and one second-place award in the Agriculture/Horticulture building for his beans, tomato, garlic and onion entries. Pat Sprinkle won one first-place award, two second-place awards and one third-place award in the Home Arts and Floriculture building for her brownies, bar cookies, biscuits and succulent entries. Jonas Swearengin won three firstplace awards in the Junior building. Eloise Toomey won one first-, one second- and one third-place award in the Fine Arts building for her oil painting entries. Stacey Wilson won two first-place awards in the Home Arts building for her crafts and collectible entries. Susan Wilson won a second-place award in the Fine Arts building, and Bobbie Yokum won a third-place award in the special cut-out contest. Results compiled by Redwood Empire Fair





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The gleaning group has a list of gleaners to draw from who will come and glean fruit that you are unable to use, and will donate most of this produce to any of several local organizations which need and appreciate locally grown fruit and vegetables. Gleaners usually take some home and occasionally fruit goes towards special event dinners.

Grateful Gleaner team leaders include Marilynn Boosinger, Carol Cox, Thayer Craig, Kimbal Dodge, Earline Dykes, Karen Gridley and Wolfgang Ronnefeldt. Each team leader has a two-week rotation for the months of August, September and October and, occasionally, into November.

If you have fruit (or large quantities of vegetables) which you would like the group to harvest, call the Gleaner voice mail: 513-9489, and leave a message with your name and phone number. A team leader will return your call and come and assess your fruit trees for harvesting.

- Karen Gridley for the Grateful Gleaners



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the children learn to bridge the cultural gap between themselves and their immigrant parents. Thus, it brings the famously close Mexican families even closer.

Many mothers devoted the entire month to making costumes for the performances, and while they sewed, they received helpful information, and their young children got caught up in the general excitement; those little children are more than ready to begin the program by the time they finish Kindergarten.

This year the closing ceremony was a huge affair, a fantastic burst of Mexican cultural whoopee; it could not have been more fun. Approximately 300 people attended to see the children perform their exuberant dances and to enjoy the dinner and conversation that followed.

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Nuestra

Alianza

celebrates 10 years of its

The cafeteria of Blosser Elementary School Lane was overflowing last Thursday, as more than 300 parents. children, family and friends celebrated the 10th anniversary of Nuestra Alianza's Plan Vacacional, with performances and a feast.

summer program Plan Vacacional is a month-long Kate Maxwell program taught in Spanish in Features Writer willitsweekly@gmail.com which children learn about many aspects of Mexican culture, civics, cooking, art, history, and sports, as well as taking classes in English

and mathematics. "Our main goal is for the children to earn about their culture, and to improve

communication with their parents - to feel safe peaking Spanish," said Executive Director Raymundo Perez, who first began working with the organization five years ago as a Plan Vacacional assistant.

Each summer, the program concludes with

the room then turned into a group dance party and miniparade, before everyone moved outside to enjoy a spread of delicious Mexican foods and desserts. "It's the most Mexican event in town." said Dina Hutton.

After 13 performances, including comedy

skits and traditional dances from Sinaloa,

the Yucatan, and other regions of Mexico,

families and friends at the closing event.

performances of traditional

dances, skits, and more, as well

as a civic ceremony featuring

both American and Mexican

flags and anthems. This year's

program had 88 participants in

four groups ranging in age from

5 to 12, all of whom were eager

to show off the dances and

songs they'd learned for their

who helped found the Willits program in 2004. The program is taught by four teachers from Nuestra Alianza, including Reina Brito, Anna Gaona Botello, Daisy Meza and Ana

> Read the rest of Over on Page 15 Nuestra



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said, except being "extremely tired." Kidd attributed the lack of serious side effects to modern-day symptom relief medications. She did, over a period of three or four months, lose her hair.

Kidd stressed that it's important to visit the doctor if you're not feeling well, and to be persistent if they can't figure out what's wrong right away. She also wanted to thank her family and friends - "the village," she said, including Pastor Dennis Long – who have helped her through this process. "You can't do it alone," she said.

Sookne enjoyed a beautiful henna decoration on the side of her head after the hair came off, thanks to Hilary Manning of Hilary's Henna.

Both fundraisers got donations, as well as a lot of praise on Facebook, for their gallant efforts. Fundraising is still going on for Willits Relay for Life through the end of August. Anyone wishing to donate can mail a check to: American Cancer Society, 1451 Guerneville Road, Suite 220, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, with "Willits Relay" in the memo line.

You can also donate online to each gal individually: go to www. relayforlife.org, and scroll down a bit to see the "Find a participant:" fields. Enter "Jennifer Sookne" or "Sharron Kidd," then hit "Donate" on the field that comes up.

#### The rest of Nuestra

teacher) Brooke Moncivais.

assistants.

program.

The program also features two teachers

from Mexico - this year Mahatma

Velazguez and Elizandra Ramirez – who

visit via Migrant Education and rotate

yearly. Dr. Ricardo Stocker, Nuestra

Alianza therapist, also helped out, along

with seven teacher's aides and auxiliary

The program is free for any interested

child and is supported by funding from

Migrant Education and First 5 Mendocino.

with space provided by the school district.

This year Willits Police Chief Gerry

Gonzales also assisted with funding

and was honored for his help during the

Beyond the teachers and the classroom,

the program gets help from older teens

and the families of attendees: "We're

really a full family affair," explains Hutton.

Older teens who have participated while

younger can volunteer as assistants and

"It's an opportunity for them to get paid

to do something they really want to do,"

Perez says. Additionally, over the course

of the month a group of volunteer mothers

make all the costumes and food for the final

performance: "They're indispensable,"

says Hutton. Plan Vacacional provides a

room for the volunteer mothers to work

in, so they can benefit from other Nuestra Alianza programs and bring children too

Hutton, who teaches English as a

Second Language courses at Mendocino

College, was also a part of the

young to officially attend.

can eventually get paid by the program.

#### The rest of **Treatment** From Page

From Page 14 gallons a year of untreated or partially treated waste water directly into the surface Almanza, along with Principal Graciela waters and underground aquifers of Little Botetello and Maestra de Ingles (English Lake Valley.

The biggest single factor in Brooktrails' Brooktrails claims it cannot be held claims is that inflow and outflow data from financially responsible for the results of the plant in 2013 seem to contain a large discrepancy between data for the month of Willits' management of the newly built wastewater treatment plant or for the costs June and for the following months, through October 2013. of fixing the problem.

wastewater.

Willits City Manager Adrienne Moore denied Brooktrails' allegations.

"One thing that should be cleared up is the misrepresentation that there is a discharge of sewage," she told Willits Weekly, "There is no discharge of sewage, as Brooktrails repeatedly misrepresents. There is no evidence to suggest that pollutants are being discharged to surface water or impacting beneficial uses. The treatment of effluent from the mechanical portion of the plant is designed to be protective of

groundwater. The treatment in the ponds is designed to protect surface water.

Brooktrails directors also sent a threeand-a-half page resolution to accompany the letter.

According to the resolution, Brooktrails advised Willits in 2010 the soil under the new plant's settling ponds would need to be compacted, while plans for construction of the new plant did not include that requirement

In addition, the resolution claims an engineer hired by Brooktrails to review the plans for the plant found that the dose of



sometime in June or July 2013.



ultra-violet light proposed for use at the The letter and accompanying resolution plant was too small to adequately treat the are part of a stepped-up campaign to win the lawsuit Brooktrails has filed against the City of Willits.

In addition, the board on Tuesday evening directed Brooktrails General Counsel Christopher Neary to add Brooktrails as an intervening party in the River Watch lawsuit against the City of Willits. Neary said in According to an information sheet open session that Brooktrails would be filing provided by Brooktrails, called "GHD an amended complaint against Willits in the Water Balance Calculation Irrigation Flow wastewater plant lawsuit next week, adding Error," an error in reporting likely occurred that a trial date in the case has been set for next May.

"The June 2013 irrigation flow is "Both Brooktrails and the [North Coast] anomalous as it appears to be reported Regional Water Quality Control Board higher than expected. By doing a quick were already advised that an amended check of the meter reading charts for June report would be provided to address a 2013 through October 2013, it is very clear mathematical error, and the city is working the method of calculating the daily irrigation with the appropriate agency in that regard,' flow from meter readings was different in Moore commented. "There is no basis for June compared to the other months by a Brooktrails' claims there are public health factor of 10. If true, that means 73 million issues and environmental impacts, and the gallons were reported as used for irrigation city will continue to work with the Regional hat were not so used, are not accounted Water Quality Control Board to satisfy any for, and are missing. If the June method is concerns in that regard. correct, then the flow used for the irrigation for the five months was remarkably high.

"On a separate note," she added, "the What is 'mystery water' used for irrigation?" agreement between the City of Willits and Brooktrails requires them to collect sufficient The paper concludes either there was fees from users to pay its obligations a 73.17 error in June 2013, or the total and gives the city the right to audit those amount of waste water used for irrigation accounts. It should be noted that while they from June through October 2013 was 456 are collecting fees from their ratepayers, obligations to the City of Willits."



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beginnings of Nuestra Alianza de Willits in 2001. Alianza is a non-profit focused Photo by Irma on providing services for the Latino Hernandez community and beyond. Above. eft top:

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Left: One of the Plan

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Below left: An altar set

up for the

occasion.

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Raymundo Perez

and

students

"We are geared towards the needs of the Latino community, but our services are open to everyone," says Hutton. Nuestra Alianza – "Our Alliance" – was founded by one of Hutton's Mendocino College classes: inspired by a Ukiah program, class members picked parts they wanted to play in the new group. "None of knew what we were doing," Hutton said. "I had no idea our class project would run amuck and become so successful!"

Nuestra Alianza now includes 17 programs and services, including free tax preparation, legal and immigration advice, mental health, parenting, health and nutrition programs, and much more. Programs for children in addition to Plan Vacacional include a teen leadership group and an afterschool program with the Kids Club that enrolls around 480 students

"It's really great to visit and see how well the program is doing," said former director Alma Hernandez, who returned for the anniversary celebration. In its first year, Plan Vacacional was held in Recreation Grove, and teachers had to move the tables and chairs daily. Since then, the program has found space indoors and more than doubled in size, with big hopes to expand further.

"Next year, we'd like it to be five weeks," said director Perez, who also hopes to move the final performance to the high school to accommodate the attending crowd. Nuestra Alianza will begin taking applications for next summer's Plan Vacacional next March

More information on Nuestra Alianza can be found at www.nuestraalianzawillits. org. Offices are located in the Willits Grange, 291 School Street, in Room No. 1. The group will be holding a fundraiser concert featuring Marcos Pereda and Ricardo Stocker on Saturday, September 6 at 7 pm at the Willits Community Theater.





Above: A homemade "Thank You CalFire" sign along the road.

Below: National Guard helicopters at the Lodge fire copter base in Laytonville, the Black Oak Ranch. The large "tent city" for the 1,570 personnel fighting the fire is a few miles south, across Highway 101 from CalFire's Laytonville station.

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